

Fair and much colder tonight. Fair Wednesday.

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OCEAN RATES INVESTIGATION TO COME NOW

Standard Oil Hearing Prompts Appeal to Bureau of Corporations.

Favoritism Causes Wide Complaint Among All Classes of Exporters.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—An investigation of the relations of steamship lines with corporations engaged in heavy export business by the Federal Bureau of Corporations is expected to follow the evidence given by Philip Harrison, manager of the New York Lubricating Oil Company, in the Government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Harrison charged that five steamer lines had made rate discriminations in the Standard Oil Company's favor until his firm was forced to pay more than twice as much as the rest for the transportation of oil.

Mortiz Rosenthal, counsel for the Standard, contended today that the act creating the Bureau of Corporations gave it no power over ocean freights, and asserted that ocean freights are simply a matter of private contract. He said there was no law under which they could be regulated.

"I confidently believe that the Bureau of Corporations has the power to investigate the relations of any corporations doing business in this country," said Frank Kellogg, deputy attorney general, "and I believe it will be shown that it has the power."

A transcript of the testimony in regard to the question will be made and forwarded to the Bureau of Corporations at Washington, where it will be given careful consideration. The question of regulating ocean freight rates is of great interest to all branches of export business, discrimination in ocean transportation having been the cause of wide complaints in almost all lines of export trade.

It was pointed out that difficulty will be found in the fact that, as a rule, ocean freights are not carried by any contract; that the rates are usually quoted to the shipper at the time of the shipment, and that no fixed schedule is established. Furthermore, most of the foreign lines have no actual offices in this country, but are represented by brokers. It is believed that the Federal authorities will have a hard time finding anything tangible on which to work.

CAPSIZING IN SQUALL; DIPLOMATS ARE ILL

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Oct. 8.—The Siamese minister, Phra Ratanayapit, and Mr. Thun, an attaché of his legation, are confined to their rooms at the hotel today as a result of being capsized by a squall yesterday afternoon while sailing off Good Harbor beach.

The two Siamese managed to cling to the overturned boat until two men put out from shore and rescued them in an exhausted condition.

FALL FROM CAR MAY PROVE FATAL

Although believing at the time that her injuries were not serious, Mrs. Annie Miller, who fell from a car at the intersection of Pennsylvania avenue and Ninth street Saturday afternoon, is in a dying condition at the Garfield hospital.

Mrs. Miller is sixty-seven years old, and resides at 2254 Twelfth street northwest. At the time of the accident Mrs. Miller was able to walk home, but was later found to be seriously hurt, and was carried to the hospital, where it was found that she had sustained a fracture of the skull, and had broken her arm. It is stated at the hospital that there is practically no chance for her recovery.

THE SUNDAY TIMES LIMERICK! \$10—Ten Dollars for a Line—\$10

"Affinities" now are the fad; Each man has his own, good or bad; But if I had my way, Let me hasten to say:

The \$10 cash prize will be awarded the writer of the brightest, cleverest, most interesting or humorous line completing this limerick. Submit as many lines as you can think of. See next Sunday's Times for the winner. It may be you.

Address Limerick Editor, The Washington Times

WIDER POWERS OF COMMISSION, KNAPP HINTS

Commerce Board Will Exercise Every Right it Has, Says Chairman.

Tells State Commissioners They Should Work for Harmony.

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Knapp today gave the members of the National Association of Railway Commissioners very clearly to understand that the Interstate Commerce Commission intends to exercise all its rights of supervision over the railways of the country, and made one statement that was taken by many to mean that the commission will seek to secure even wider rights than it now enjoys.

His remarks were made in a speech of welcome to the railway commissioners who assembled at 11 o'clock this forenoon in the courtroom of the Interstate Commerce Commission. His statement that led to the impression he was predicting wider powers for the commission was:

"Individuals Must Give Up. The more complex the life of any community becomes, the more necessary it is for every individual to surrender something in order to conserve the happiness and well being of the whole community. And this may apply with equal force to our national life and our national affairs."

In welcoming the members of the convention, who represent practically every State in the Union, Mr. Knapp said:

"I endorse with emphasis the suggestion that everybody here should work for harmony and accord. There must be uniformity of rules and regulations in our great world of commerce, for conflict between them cause difficulties that are almost unbearable. The laws that are best for the public are the laws that are in accord. I mean laws that are in accord with each other in the various States and between the States on the one side and the Federal Government on the other."

Should Work for Harmony. "This organization can render a signal service in working for harmony and accord. It is possible under our dual system of State and Federal government for antagonism to arise, and it is that that you can do so much to prevent. No question approaches in magnitude, difficulty, or importance this question of the public transportation facilities of the country. I need not assure you that the commission does not mean to encroach on the legitimate functions of the State authorities. What we want is uniformity of legislation and accord."

The convention, which is presided over by C. C. McChord, of Kentucky, will be in session for two or three days. The session this afternoon will be taken up with the discussion of reports of committees. The forenoon session was given over to Mr. Knapp's address and preliminary matters.

PRESIDENT FAILS TO BAG HIS BEAR

STAMBOUL, La., Oct. 8.—From what little news has come out from the canyons, President Roosevelt did not land a bear yesterday, the first day's hunt. It was after dark when he returned to camp. Secretary Latta, with a bundle of mail, was awaiting him, having come out to camp in the afternoon.

The hunting program will continue until some bears are killed, after which the President will probably devote himself to deer hunting.

Fire Chiefs in Parade Down the Avenue, Led by Chief Belt, Present Gala Sight Convention Opens in Odd Fellows' Hall

SIDE LINE INCIDENTS OF FIRE CHIEFS' MEET



BIG PROCESSION AN IMPOSING ONE; 300 DELEGATES

Flame Fighters Met at Convention Building by Families.

What Fire Chiefs Will Do Tomorrow

Exhibition day, under the supervision of a committee to be appointed by the association. 9 a. m.—Practical demonstration at Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest by the District of Columbia Fire Department, under the command of Chief Engineer William T. Belt. 7:30 p. m.—Business session.

Headed by Chief Belt, of the Washington Fire Department, and a detail of firemen and apparatus, together with the Thirtieth Cavalry and the Engineer Corps Bands, 300 visiting fire chiefs, gathered from all sections of America, marched down Pennsylvania avenue, this morning to Odd Fellows Hall, on Seventh street, and formally opened the thirty-fifth annual convention of the National Association of Fire Chiefs of America.

Greeted by Macfarland. When the imposing array of the nation's foremost firemen reached the hall they were met at the doors by the members of their respective families, and the entire assemblage filed into the hall, where Commissioner Macfarland, on behalf of the District of Columbia, was awaiting them, with a welcome.

The parade formed at the Ebbitt House, and moved down Fourteenth street to Pennsylvania avenue, thence to Seventh, and up Seventh to the hall. A detail of mounted policemen kept back the vast crowds which lined the Avenue on both sides as the novel parade of fire-fighters passed.

Immediately behind Chief Belt, who was seated in the department's big "red devil" auto, came trucks Nos. 7 and 9, engines 11 and 21, and a combination chemical engine, all being recent acquisitions of the District of Columbia department. Two hose wagons brought up the rear.

Convention Called to Order. The convention was called to order by William T. Gallibier, chairman of the entertainment committee, the fall of the gavel being followed by the rising of the delegates as the Rev. Robert M. Moore, pastor of the Foundry M. E. Church, offered a prayer. At the conclusion of this prayer Mr. Gallibier introduced the speaker of the day, Commissioner H. B. Macfarland, who delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the District government.

Mr. Macfarland paid a glowing tribute to the fire-fighters.

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CUPID BESTS FATHER

Georgetown Girl of 16 Elopes With Boy of 21.

Uncle Appeals to Police to Protect Young Husband.

Pair Fled to Rockville, Where They Were Married.

Fearing that Charles Devine would do bodily harm to the man who had just eloped with his sixteen-year-old daughter, R. P. Gingle, the bride's uncle, last night requested that the police of the Seventh precinct keep watch over the home of Wilfred Heffner, 2404 P street northwest, following the elopement of Heffner and Miss Mary Devine yesterday afternoon.

The expected trouble did not materialize, however, and, although Devine is said to have been enraged at the elopement of his daughter, the young couple are today expecting the usual parental blessing.

Wed at Rockville. Washington's Gretna Green, Rockville, was the scene of the romantic wedding. Miss Devine, who is only sixteen, has been receiving the attentions of Heffner, aged twenty-one, for some time, but the parents of the young people on account of their ages thought that a wedding should not take place at this time. However, the young people listened to the pleadings of Cupid rather than the wish of stern parents, and were made man and wife.

Miss Devine, according to a member of her uncle's family, informed her parents yesterday that she would spend the afternoon with her uncle, R. P. Gingle, of 123 Fifteenth street northeast. Instead, she was met by Heffner and the two sped at once to Rockville, where they secured the services of a waiting minister. They returned to Washington late in the afternoon, going at once to the home of the groom, 2404 P street. Both bride and bridegroom reside in Georgetown.

Father Begins Search. Becoming alarmed at his daughter's absence, Charles Devine about midnight last night began a search for her, going first to the home of her uncle, where he was informed that the girl had not been seen. He then went to the Heffner residence, having become suspicious. It is understood that there was no objection to the match other than the youth of the bride.

ELOPERS HIDING; PARENTS WRATHY

Former Miss Cobleigh, Now Mrs. O'Boyle, May Be Disinherited.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Boyle, whose sensational elopement yesterday surprised their friends, are still among the missing. Only a few of their most intimate friends know where the young couple went after leaving Washington, and they steadfastly refuse to tell.

Mrs. Benjamin J. Cobleigh, mother of Mrs. O'Boyle, did not come to Washington, but communicated with the school authorities by telephone last night. The young woman's trunks are still at the school and are awaiting instructions from Mrs. Cobleigh as to their disposition. It is said that Mr. and Mrs. Cobleigh, who are wealthy, have threatened to disinherit their daughter. They are now at the Waldorf Astoria, New York.

She Found It

A little girl with tear-stained face went into Sanford's Pharmacy, New York avenue and North Capitol street, not long ago and said:

"I've lost my little dog and I've hunted everywhere, but I can't find him. Have you seen a little white dog 'round here?"

"No, but we'll try to find him," said the clerk. "Just put a Times lost ad in at our branch here."

And most any afternoon now if you pass a certain house in that neighborhood, you'll find a smiling little girl and a little white dog sitting on the steps.

FALL WINDS RAGE THROUGHOUT CITY; DAMAGE IS HEAVY

Roof Taken Away and Many Trees Are Uprooted.

While every baseball fan in the country was crawling out of bed at dawn today to get a line on the weather for the first game of the world's championship series this afternoon, old Jupiter Pluvius was having an inning in Washington that brought tears to the eyes of the thousands of fans in this city.

The storm, which was at its height between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning, was the heaviest so far this season, and, according to the official tabulators at Uncle Sam's headquarters, it marked the first of the usual series of autumn storms. The wind gained a velocity of between thirty and forty miles an hour, and the rainfall was unusually heavy.

Wind Caused Damage. Throughout the city the storm wrought havoc, and considerable damage was done by the wind.

Winding its way down a street southeast, a small whirlwind kept increasing in size until it became transformed into something resembling a Kansas cyclone. When in front of the residence at 1438 A street the whirlwind changed its course, and the next instant the house was minus a roof. Nearly every window in the front of the residence was broken. A number of other houses in that part of the city were damaged in a like manner.

Tin roofs on houses and sheds in all sections of the District were blown off, and every street in the city was covered with branches and limbs.

For several hours this morning the street cleaning department was busy clearing the pavements.

A large tree at Fourth and H streets northwest was blown down, falling across the pavement and blocking traffic for a short time.

On Indiana avenue, near Third street northwest, the limb of a large tree struck the back of a delivery wagon, changing the top of the wagon into kindling wood.

Two electric light wires were torn down on Second street northwest, and created considerable excitement in the neighborhood. Dangling over the street pavement, the live wires gave vent to a series of sparks and flashes that resembled a small electric storm.

That no one was shocked or seriously injured by the wires was due to their discovery by J. B. Capner, a special watchman, who stood guard over them until the arrival of repairmen from the electric light company.

In many of the public parks small trees were literally torn up by the roots, while the grass was covered with limbs and branches. Shrubs and plants also suffered from the wind.

The storm originated in the Great Lakes region and was fully expected by the Weather Bureau. Although at a considerable less velocity, the heavy wind continued throughout the morning and by sunset there will be a noticeable drop of the mercury, it is said.

The wind played havoc in the southeastern section of the city and many houses were damaged either by having their roofs blown off or window blinds blowing to and smashing the windows.

Woman Injured. The roofs of 239 and 222 Seventh street southeast were blown off this morning. Jennie Wood, who occupies the former house, was slightly injured by flying timbers. The damage to the two houses amounted to about \$50. The roofs of 1531 B street southeast and of 1340 A street southeast were also blown off and a shed at Seventeenth and B streets southeast was also considerably damaged.

While the damage was not so great in other sections of the city, the wind was sufficiently strong to blow down a telegraph pole on Ohio avenue, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets northwest.

W.C.T.U. LEADER SCORES LAWS ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Convention Hears Address From President on States Rights.

The conflict between State and National authority was the subject of some pointed remarks in the annual address of Mrs. Clinton Smith, president of the W. C. T. U., at the opening session of the thirty-third annual convention at the Congressional Church today.

"While the Chief Executive is demanding that men at the head of powerful corporations respect Federal authority," said she, "the Federal Government is stimulating lawlessness on the part of the liquor dealers against State authority. We deplore the attitude of the Government in annulling local decisions. When the States try to make the will of the people effective, as Kentucky tried to do by making C. O. D. shipments illegal, the Supreme Court decides that the States have no power to adjudicate the matter."

Interstate Commission Scored. The interstate commerce law that permits liquor dealers to get around State prohibition laws by shipping liquor into the State C. O. D., was roundly scored. The president emphasized the need of effective enforcement of anti-liquor laws as of the greatest importance, and cited the opinion of Commissioner Macfarland with reference to the Weber bill that "We believe it is impracticable to enforce such a law."

The convention was called to order at 10:30 by Mrs. Smith. After prayer by Mrs. C. F. Winbiger, and roll call Mrs. Emma S. Shelton, recording secretary, read the report of the last quarterly convention. The reports of Mrs. W. E. DeRiemer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles P. Grandfield, treasurer, and Mrs. Charles H. Hall, auditor, were also read. The Rev. S. H. Woodrow, pastor of the Congressional Church, made the address of welcome to the delegates, which was responded to by Mrs. Annie E. Grigsby.

Superintendent's Report. After the president's address, Mrs. M. E. Catlin, Mrs. J. C. Fernald, and Mrs. T. A. Williams read reports as superintendents. At noon Mrs. C. W. Gallagher conducted a Bible reading and prayer, and a solo was rendered by Mrs. B. H. Smart.

Luncheon was served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church.

The program will be continued this afternoon and tomorrow.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have brisk southwesters, shifting to northwesterly winds, with clearing weather to the Grand Banks.

SUN TABLE.
Sun sets today.....5:33
Sun rises tomorrow.....5:03

TIDE TABLE.
High water today.....8:45 p.m.
Low water today.....2:05 p.m.
High water tomorrow, 9:10 a.m., 9:23 p.m.
Low water tomorrow, 3:25 a.m., 3:50 p.m.

HARPERS FERRY, Va., Oct. 8.—Potomac little muddy; Shenandoah cloudy.

LAWYERS IN BOUT IN COURTHOUSE; FIGHT OVER CASE

Leo Simmons Said to Have Passed Lie and L. J. Mather to Have Hit.

The corridor just outside of Judge Gould's courtroom in the District Court-house was the scene of an exciting house-to-house fight this morning between Leonard J. Mather, a lawyer, with offices in the Fendall building, and Leo Simmons, an attorney, who is well known in local Republican circles.

The men were representing opposite sides in a case which Mr. Simmons said had been put on the calendar for the October term of the court. When court opened this morning, with Justice Gould on the bench, Mr. Simmons arose and asked that the final hearing of the case in question be called. Mr. Mather immediately arose and replied that as the case was not yet at an issue, it should be stricken from the calendar, which was done.

It is said that Mr. Mather openly accused Mr. Simmons of "sharp practice" in asking that the case be called at this time, basing his charge on court rule 64, which says that no case in which the issue has not been joined, and which has not been properly put on the calendar, shall be brought before the court.

Upon coming out of the door, Mr. Simmons walked to where Mr. Mather was standing and told the latter that he had previously notified him that he, Mr. Simmons, had put in case on the calendar. Mr. Mather emphatically denied that such action had been taken by him, and it is said that as the lie was passed by the latter, Mr. Mather flushed deeply and struck at his opponent with his right hand.

Whether the blow landed and caused Mr. Simmons' glasses to fall to the floor and break is not known, but Mr. Simmons defended himself. The men were separated only after a hard struggle.

Mr. Mather, who it is said came out slightly ahead in the altercation, was evidently not much the worse for his pugilistic bout, as one of the clerks in his office stated that he had laughingly told of the affair on his return to his office, and had gone to Congress Heights to visit a client.

No one could be found at the court building who would say whether or not the men can be held for contempt of court, it being thought that as the affair happened outside of Justice Gould's courtroom, the court has no jurisdiction.

BATTLESHIP GROUNDS ON SOFT MUD BANK

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 8.—While going at a moderate speed the battleship Kentucky ran aground on a mud bank near Lambert's Point at 9:35 today. The big ship is resting easily in the soft mud.

Tugs were quickly dispatched from this place, but so far have been unable to move the Kentucky. It is not thought that she is seriously damaged.